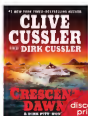


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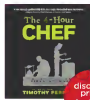
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VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo  
Madysen Orlando, a volunteer at the Marshville Heritage Festival, spent the weekend teaching visitors like Charlotte Spiers how to make rope.



## MARSHVILLE HERITAGE FESTIVAL Traditions live on

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

WAINFLEET — Brian Pearson values traditions. And he doesn't want the community to lose or forget any more of those traditions. That's why he volunteers at Marshville Heritage Festival, demonstrating woodworking

on what looks like a modern day jigsaw attached to a stationary bicycle.

"We've lost the ability to do so many things that the people who lived (in the 1850s) did and I don't want to lose anything else, so I do my part here," he said.

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## FESTIVAL

# Visitors see farm life of the past

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The 25th annual heritage festival celebrate this past weekend demonstrated pioneer lifestyle and history. The event featured more than 130 crafters and artisans who showed festivalgoers from across Niagara how to make a rope, roast peanuts, make canoes and more.

Festival chair Margaret Robertson said the board wants to show visitors the old ways of farming through demonstrations also of hayting and mules pulling treadmills.

Marshall's annual blacksmith shop demonstrators returned and so did those from the sawmill.

Robertson said the two are fan favourites.

"I think its important to show people the way our ancestors lived and to encourage developing roots in the community," she said.

Robertson said the festival wouldn't be possible without the help of volunteers. The small-town event has more than 400 dedicated annual volunteers.

"It's good for Wainfleet because it brings the community closer together," she said.

Stephanie Spiers brings her children and sometimes some of their friends down



VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo  
Elizabeth Bolly and her brother Joshua learned how different life was for people who settled in Wainfleet.



Sheldon Chambers, visiting the Marshville Heritage Festival, was very interested in learning how people used to bathe.

VICTORIA GRAY Staff Photo

from Toronto every year to learn about the history of the country and to have fun.

"It's really good for them to know more about the way people used to live and my dad volunteers, so that's another reason," she said.

Artisan Glen McLean, from Wonky Wood Works near Barrie, said he and his wife Madeleine have been showing their handmade wooden kitchen utensils and brooms at the show for about nine years.

"It's a neat show and we have a lot of success here," he said. "We make functional art that's period-based and that's what this festival is all about."

Ashley Collee brought her children Logan and Austin Neufeld, along with her sister Danielle Collee, to the festival to spend time together as a family and learn some neat things.

"I think it's important for them to learn about pioneer history. They are outdoors little boys, they are not TV bums, so it's something we want to have them be aware of," Neufeld said.

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Steam engines were on display.

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## New dress code makes sense

On Tuesday morning, 60,000 children and teenagers walked back into their respective schools. Much to the delight of the Niagara Catholic District School Board, more than a third of them will be dressed the same.

While students at the region's eight Catholic secondary schools have always worn uniforms - usually a combination of grey, white and whatever the school's colour is - this marks the first year more than 14,000 Catholic elementary school students will also have to follow a dress code.

The idea has been talked about since the mid 2000s, but the NCDSB started the process of changing the dress code for its elementary school almost four years ago.

It has taken until now, however, to finalize the policy and exactly what is allowed.

The decision hasn't been popular with everyone -especially lower-income parents who believe this is just another cost added to their budget -but on many levels, the move makes sense.

Since the board is already forcing high school students to wear uniforms, there's

no reason the younger kids shouldn't follow the same rules. Board officials have been adamant people not refer to the standardized dress code as a uniform, but for all intents and purposes, it is.

The cost argument from parents is somewhat valid, because they'll still have to buy other clothes for when their kids aren't in school, but they shouldn't need as many clothes. The good news is, unlike the high school uniforms, clothes falling under the standardized dress code are available at a far wider range of stores from Giant Tiger to Target and Walmart to places like The Gap and Old Navy. That means parents can buy the approved pants and shirts that fall into a price range they can afford.

The tradeoff of having to buy the extra clothes is a school environment where children don't have to be compared or bullied because of what they're wearing.

Of course this won't stop schoolyard bullying -nothing ever will -but if it helps level the playing field in one way, then why not do it?

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While quantities last, free bags of compost or leaf and yard waste bags will be given to those who make a donation of cash or non-perishable food items to the local food bank.

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PASTOR GARY TOMIUCK  
 Wainfleet Congregational Christian Church

Recently, while attending a conference in Quebec one Pastor told us in his opening sermon that in some

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Although many of the reported deaths resulted from blood clots, one cannot assume that the oral contraceptive is to blame. It is known that blood clots are a risk with birth control pills, but there are also many other reasons why someone could develop a clot. There has been no strong evidence to indicate that the contraceptive pills were the reason for these deaths. Health Canada has stated that the benefits of Yaz and Yasmin still outweigh the risks when used according to the labelling instructions.

There are warnings on the drug label about the risk of blood clots with these medications which may be 1.5 to 3-fold higher than with other contraceptive pills. To indicate this small difference, the FDA found that 6 women in 10 000 develop a blood clot while using other birth control pills in one year, and about 10 women in 10 000 using Yaz or Yasmin will develop a blood clot in one year. Yes, this is slightly higher, but to put it into perspective, up to 29 women in 10 000 will develop a blood clot during pregnancy. In other words the risk of blood clots is much higher if a woman becomes pregnant than if they were using any form of birth control. Yaz and Yasmin are still considered to be safe and effective, so if you are using either of these medications, and are not experiencing any adverse effects, it is reasonable to continue their use.

Many factors come into play when deciding which birth control pill to take or even whether to take one at all. Some things to consider are a woman's history of blood clots, heart attack or stroke; age; smoking status; and with Yaz and Yasmin, liver or kidney disease. It is important for women to discuss these details with their doctor in order to make the best decision.

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■ TOMIUICK

# Not easy to be a believer

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He responded "I would be willing to place a large cross on my front lawn. I am willing to be fired, to be thrown into jail and even to die for it. Might that be the testimony of everyone who takes the name of Christ upon themselves.

That day is rapidly coming upon us, when it will cost us to be a true disciple of Christ. If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." (Luke 9:23).

Many people want to follow Christ as they determine. No denials, no cross, no sacrifices, no cost involved. We cannot pluck out the splinters from the old ragged cross-no shape it nor craft it to suit our fancy. Nor can one pick up the cross one day and then set it down the next.

In the First Century a man carrying a cross was a condemned criminal being led to his execution. The Christian is to die daily to himself, to his pride, to his flesh, to his will. We bring every area of our lives under the control and Lordship of Christ.

We follow him, we imitate Him, our standard, our pattern, our model. This is Christ-likeness and as ironic as this seems, this is joy, this is fulfillment and this is truly finding our identity in Christ.

The Apostle Paul compares servants

of Christ as condemned men who die in an arena as a spectacle to the whole universe. We go hungry and thirsty he says "we are brutally treated and homeless. We have become the scum of the earth, the refuse of the world." Suffering is the badge of the Christian, he or she is not above their Master. We are commissioned, we are called, we are commanded to deny ourselves to take up our crosses daily and follow Him and we are ashamed of Him. He will one day be ashamed of us.

And just as surely as Christ was crucified with shame and humiliation we must be willing to do the same for Him and His cause wherever it might be, but of this we can be sure...The Lords cross was a lot bigger and a lot heavier than ours will ever be.

Are we faithful? When Christ calls us home, we know not when but we do know to be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.

If you have confessed your sins and if you have received Jesus as your own personal Lord and Savior though the empty hands of faith it will be a glorious translation as you are ushered into the immediate presence of God-into His glorious majesty-into the sunshine of God's brilliant light.

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■ **VIMY FOUNDATION:** Student heads to former battlegrounds

# Port student is connecting with the past

VICTORIA GRAY  
InPort News Staff

PORT COLBORNE — "Please don't cry mom."

Those words were written on the bottom of a headstone belonging to a Second World War Canadian soldier and they are burned into Connor Klauk's memory.

"It really stood out and it really had an impact on me," Klauk said. As the 16-year-old from Port Colborne stood at a Canadian cemetery at the Juno Beach memorial

site in France staring at those words, he thought about his family and the boy's family.

"Those words really made it personal for me. He had a family back in Canada just like me and he never got to see them again, and now he's buried there and maybe they were never able to visit him."

Klauk was one of 16 students from across Canada to receive the Vimy Prize Program which sends students to Europe to learn more about Canada's involvement in both the First and Second World Wars.

Klauk left for his two week journey on Aug. 7 and saw almost 30

war memorials, cemeteries and battlefields in Belgium, France and England, including Vimy Ridge, Juno Beach, Normandy, and Ypres.

He decided to apply for the program because his history teacher and an older classmate thought it was a good idea, but he had no clue how much he would learn.

"It was a really sobering experience," he said. "You're joking and laughing with your friends and you see a carving of a Canadian Regiment in the chalk — or wall — of a trench and you realize you're standing where hundreds of guys died."

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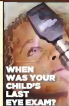
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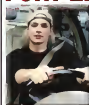


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VIMY

# Student did research into Port soldier

FROM PAGE 6

The group walked Juno Beach's eight kilometres and although he knew what had happened there, it looked like a normal beach.

"It was really beautiful," he said. "You would never know how many guys died there for our rights and our way of life."

He also went to Oxford University in London,

England and attended two lectures about the wars.

"The professors gave us a lot of information — things I had never even considered, but they were a little biased to the British," he said.

Before he left for his trip, Klauk had to researched a soldier. He chose Port Colborne soldier Lieutenant Colonel Russel Boyle.

Boyle joined the military

when he was 14 and was sent to South Africa. Afterward he moved to Calgary. When the First World War broke out he went to Quebec and enlisted.

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## ■ READINGS AT ROSELAWN

# Former media baron Conrad Black will start authors series

ALLAN BENNER  
InPort News Staff  
PORT COLBORNE —  
Conrad Black is coming to

Port Colborne.  
The former media mogul  
will be the first speaker in the  
20th season of the Readings  
at Roselawn Authors Series,

presented by local author and  
columnist Bill Thomas.  
Black, 89, will be discussing  
his book *Flight of the Eagle* —  
the first since his 2012 release

from a U.S. prison where he  
served a sentence of nearly  
four years for fraud.  
"Being in the headlines for  
all the wrong reasons — law-

suits, prison stretch, Order  
of Canada controversy — we  
tended to forget what a truly  
great biographer Conrad  
Black really is," Thomas said.  
During his career, Black  
has written biographies on  
Maurice Duplessis, Franklin  
Delano Roosevelt and Richard  
Nixon, as well as memoirs A

*Life in Progress* and *A Matter  
of Principle*.  
Considering Thomas's recent  
incarceration, Black said he  
thought Black would have  
tackled a topic for his new  
book about something other  
than American history.

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## ONTARIO GOVERNMENT NOTICE

### FINAL TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY

Niagara to GTA Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study  
Phase 1

The public are invited to review the final multimodal Transportation Development Strategy (final Strategy) for the Niagara to GTA (NGTA) Corridor Planning and Environmental Assessment Study. The final Strategy will be available beginning September 5, 2013 on the NGTA website (<http://www.niagara-gta.com>), at main branches of public libraries and at local and regional municipal offices within Niagara, Hamilton and Halton. A complete list of the review locations is available on the study website.

#### THE STUDY:

Phase 1 of this Planning and Environmental Assessment (EA) Study was initiated by MTO in support of the transportation objectives of the provincial *Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe*. The study is being undertaken in accordance with the *Ontario Environmental Assessment Act* (EA Act) and the Terms of Reference, which was approved by the Minister of the Environment in June 2006.

In March 2011, MTO released a draft Transportation Development Strategy (draft Strategy) that outlined several recommendations to expand the capacity of the transportation network that connects the Niagara Region and the U.S. border to the Greater Toronto Area. The draft Strategy included support for enhanced transit, measures to optimize the existing transportation network, additional lanes on existing highways and new highways. Since the release of the draft Strategy, the Study Team has carried out additional analysis of the recommendations for highway expansion. The analysis, findings and recommendations from this work are documented in the final Strategy.

The completion of the Transportation Development Strategy represents the conclusion of Phase 1 of the NGTA Study. The recommendations embodied in the final Strategy will be further pursued through Phase 2 of the NGTA Study or as separate future studies and initiatives.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS:

The final Strategy includes the following multimodal elements:

- Optimizing the existing transportation network.
- Supporting transit initiatives that are consistent with the *Metrolinx Regional Transportation Plan* and the *GO Transit 2020 Strategic Plan* as well as recommendations to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the non-roadway modes of transportation.
- Several highway widening and new highway corridor recommendations, including:
  - Hamilton and Halton:** Widening of key highway facilities by two or more lanes to address medium-term transportation needs. In addition, a future study is recommended to identify a long-term transportation strategy.
  - Hamilton to Niagara:** Widening of QEW to 8 lanes (including HOV lanes). Continue to monitor traffic volumes on the QEW to determine capacity requirements beyond 2031.
  - Niagara:** New highway corridor connecting Highway 406 south of Welland to the QEW near Fort Erie.

#### COMMENTS:

The final Strategy will be available for a 60-day review period ending on November 4, 2013. Comments and input regarding this study will be collected to assist the MTO with Phase 2 of the NGTA Study. This material will be maintained on file for use during the project and may be included in project documentation to meet the requirements of the EA Act. Information collected will be used in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* and the *Access to Information Act*. With the exception of personal information (e.g., name and address), all comments received will become part of the public record.

For further information, or to be added to the mailing list for this study or future studies, please visit the study website or contact:

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## ■ BLACK

## Book 'fascinating' – Thomas

FROM PAGE B12

"My first thought was that Flight of The Eagle would be an act of literary revenge against the justice system of the country that incarcerated him for four years. But no, far from it," Thomas said. "It's a fascinating portrayal of greatness that follows America's rise from a British colony to the leader of the free world in just 200 years."

Black will be at the Roselawn Centre on Sept. 26.

The reading begins with a wine tasting at 7 p.m., while house band Soundscapes performs. Black's reading is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m.

Thomas said the author series has sold out every year for the past 16, but there are still a limited number of season passes available this year.

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Season passes cost \$175 each, and include all seven readings held on the last Thursday of every month from September to May.

Thomas said he's still finalizing the authors who will be speaking for the remainder of this year's series.

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## ■ TOMIUUCK

# There is a definite cost to being a follower of Christ

FROM PAGE 5

Then to gaze upon the beauty of Jesus who created you, died for you, and rose for you ... that should make you

home sick even now. But this must be balanced with the cost of following Christ. If it costs nothing, if it suffers nothing, it is worth nothing wrote Martin Luther. If Christians take their

cues from the world and if they are nothing more than social clubs is it any wonder that 60-80% of young people in their 20's are leaving their churches? Is it any wonder that

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